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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE MEMBERSHIP IN IAEA

REFS: (A) IAEA VIENNA 7125, (B) STATE 206092

1. WE DO NOT WISH TO SEND A FORMAL INQUIRY TO SRV ON
WHETHER IAEA STATUTE IS IN FORCE THROUGHOUT SRV AS SUG-
GESTED PARA 6 REF A NOR DO WE THINK OTHER MEMBERS SUCH AS
JAPANESE SHOULD DO SO. RATHER, WE BELIEVE IAEA DIRECTOR
GENERAL SHOULD INQUIRE WHETHER SRV AGREES TO ASSUME
OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP UNDER THE STATUTE FOR ITS ENTIRE
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TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.

2. AS INDICATED REF B, OUR MAJOR CONCERN AT THIS POINT IS THAT ANY ACTION ON SRV MEMBERSHIP IS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED AND UNDERTAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURES OF AGENCY CONCERNED, AND THAT SRV WILLINGNESS TO FULFILL ALL OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP IS CLEARLY INDICATED. YOU SHOULD IMPRESS ON SECRETARIAT AND OTHER MEMBERS THAT WE FEEL THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN CASE OF IAEA WHICH HAS HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES IN AN UNUSUALLY SENSITIVE FIELD. IN LIGHT OF PARAGRAPH 3 REF A, WE BELIEVE IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE WOULD WISH TO CONSIDER WHETHER SRV RESPONSE TO

DIRGEN'S REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION WAS SATISFACTORY IN CONSIDERING SRV CREDENTIALS QUESTION.

3. YOU SHOULD NOT COMMENT OR SPECULATE ON POSITION WE MAY TAKE WHEN SRV MEMBERSHIP QUESTION ARISES AT GENERAL CONFERENCE OR IN CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE. YOU SHOULD REPORT ON FURTHER AGENCY HANDLING OF THIS ISSUE AND AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. ROBINSON

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